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### PRESS RELEASE

The National Secretariat of the Graduate Students' Association of Ghana (GRASAG) wishes to express its dissatisfaction on the turn of events at the Scholarships Secretariat in relation to the Graduate Thesis and Bursary Grant for the 2016/2017 academic year.

We are reliably informed by the Secretariat that all beneficiary institutions should collate bank account details of recommended applicants to the Secretariat for direct payment of the Thesis and Bursary Grants to be effected. Though the new mode of payment is ideal, we strongly believe it will only further delay the monies already in arrears. This is not the right time for this to and fro movement of the 2016/2017 bursary and thesis grant.

We want to put it on record that we, GRASAG, as a major stakeholder was not consulted before the sudden change in mode of payment; which we believe is not congenial to the graduate student, at this material moment.

The National Executive Committee (NEC) on several occasions met with the Registrar and the entire management team of the Scholarships Secretariat and this mode of payment never came up in our discussions, we therefore don't agree.

As responsible students, and law abiding citizens of the Republic of Ghana, we will still cooperate with the Scholarships Secretariat. That notwithstanding, we have run out of patience and cannot wait any further and will resort to other means of communication since we have exhausted all dialogue procedures.

We are by this release giving the government and the secretariat up to Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 to pay all recommended applicants. Graduate students have not been treated fairly and need to be treated with utmost respect.

We appreciate the cooperation of the Scholarship Secretariat so far and wish them well in their endeavor.

Long Live GRASAG

Long Live Mother Ghana

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